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## Senior Kathy Labukas Joins Top Swimmers Across the U.S.

by Susan Harris

Kathy Labukas grew up in Greenbelt and swam with its first swim team, the Sharks, which formed in 1957. The coach, Al Castaldi, had contacted her parents saying he needed a 6-year-old girl to complete the team, which led to her winning many events and becoming one of the top swimmers in the Princemont League that the Greenbelt team competed in – until she aged out at 18.

When she left for college – one that had no swimming pool at all – she put swimming on pause, but after returning to Greenbelt in 1985 she regularly took advantage of its new indoor pool, swimming for fitness, not competition.

Last year, Labukas started swimming with friends on the DC Water Wizards Senior Swim Team and got the urge to try



Kathy Labukas, left, stands with other winners in the 100-yard backstroke, in which she finished 4th in the nation, with other 70- to 74-year-old champs on the podium.

competing once again. In September she swam in her first swim meet in 54 years at the DC Senior Games, winning all of the six events in which she competed, among women 70 to 74 years old.

Last month Labukas competed for Maryland in the National Se-

nior Games in Pittsburgh and says it was quite a surprise to finish in the top 10 in the country in all her events. Her top individual showing was fourth place in the 100-yard backstroke. In a mixed individual medley relay (men and women, all in their 70s) she and her relay members won gold.

Participating in the National Senior Games was “challenging, exhausting and fun,” said Labukas, and she looks forward to qualifying for the next National Senior Games – in Des Moines, Iowa, in 2025.

Labukas appreciates all the encouragement she’s gotten, from far and near. “My friends have been very supportive of my choice to compete again later in life,” she said. “Former Greenbelter Mary Anne McDonald Papale, my friend

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## Byrd Resigns from Council 2.5 Months before Election

by Anna Bedford-Dillow

On Monday, August 14, near the conclusion of the city’s regular council meeting, Councilmember Colin Byrd announced his resignation. He is in his third term on the council. He was first elected in 2017 and was elected mayor in 2019. The City of Greenbelt elects a new council every two years, with the next election approaching in November.

During his announcement, Byrd thanked God and numerous people including his family, various Greenbelters mentioned by name as well as residents more generally, members of the Greenbelt Reparations Committee and each of the current councilmembers. Byrd drew an analogy between himself and the American football player Gale Sayers, who retired from football at the age of 30. “Gale retired from the game because the game had worn him a little earlier than he initially anticipated,” said Byrd. “And he felt like he could no longer play the game like he used to. He had dropped the ball one too many times. He retired because he knew it was time.” “Truth be told, among other reasons, the work of Greenbelt politics has to some extent worn on me.”

Byrd told the News Review he



Colin Byrd

plans to begin a master’s program in school psychology at Bowie State University in late August. He hopes to help children fulfill their dreams and develop their strengths, “even if they have at some point lost their way.” He was particularly pleased to be attending an Historically Black College and University, just as two of his grandparents did.

Speaking with the News Review on Tuesday, Interim City Manager Tim George said the council has not yet addressed how to deal with the vacant seat because they were still processing the announcement Monday night. They will now review the city

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## Council Election Is Coming: Time to Register to Vote Is Now

Any resident of Greenbelt, age 16 and over, can participate in the November City Council election – by signing a candidate’s petition or voting, or running for office if over 18. But doing any of those things requires being registered to vote at a residence address that lies within the boundaries of the City of Greenbelt. The Motiva apartments on Cherrywood Lane will be the newest expansion of addresses on the city’s list since 2015 when Greenbelt Station addresses were added.

### Register

For those not already registered, the deadline for registering to vote in the November 7 election is Monday, October 9. This

deadline also applies to making changes to one’s name or address.

Registrations must be received by the Prince George’s County Board of Elections no later than 4:30 p.m. at 1100 Mercantile Lane, Suite 115A, in Largo. Since glitches may occur at any level, would-be voters are advised not to wait until the last minute.

### Verify Registration

Newly registered residents can call the County Board of Elections at 301-341-7300 if they have not received a voter notification card within two weeks of registering. Alternatively, they or any others

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## Peace Builders: Teaching To Manage, Solve Problems

by Joe Robbins

Peace is a skill that can be learned. This is one of the take-home messages from the Little Friends for Peace Camp held at Greenbelt Community Church, United Church of Christ, during the week of July 24. Camp counselors worked with 36 students, ages 5 to 14, from Greenbelt and Lanham. Each day of camp starts with an opening gathering, where campers learn a new code word such as care, share, cooperate, shine and celebrate. Then the groups, separated by ages, move through art projects, musical ex-



Peace campers share a moment of explanation.

plorations, yoga and cooperative games.

The activities offer concrete examples of the somewhat generic code words. For example, the word peace comes with an activity called the peace post office where campers make personal notes that they put into each other’s mailbox. “We model how to affirm someone,” said MJ Park, who runs the camps with

her husband, Jerry Park.

The Parks have run the camps for 44 years, though not always in Maryland. “Little Friends for Peace was started in Minnesota,” MJ said. “It was an outgrowth of my background as a teacher and Jerry being a community organizer and also working in the field of education empowering

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## Run for Council

The City of Greenbelt elects a new council every two years. Candidates can file with the city clerk starting this Monday, August 21. Candidates must be at least 18 years old and must submit a nominating petition signed by at least 50 voters, along with a written acceptance of the nomination and any other documentation determined to be necessary. The last day to file will be Tuesday, September 26. The order in which candidates will appear on the ballot is determined by lottery, which will be held on the evening of September 26. For more information, contact the city clerk at elections@greenbeltmd.gov or 301-474-8000.

## What Goes On

**Monday, August 21**  
7:30 p.m., City Council Worksession: TBD, Municipal Building  
**Wednesday, August 23**  
7:30 p.m., Council Worksession: Washington Gas, Municipal Building

See the city ad on page 5 or the meetings calendar at greenbeltmd.gov for more information.



# Letters to the Editor

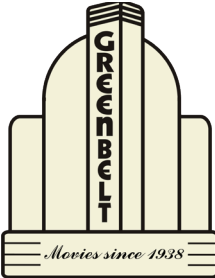
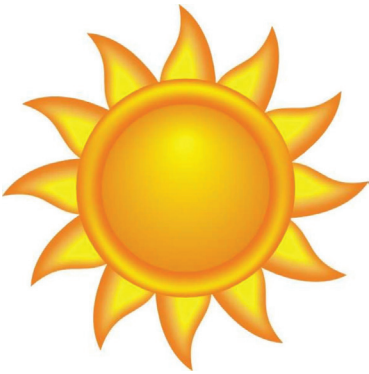
## More on Mosquitoes: Eggs and Zappers

In their helpful series of recent News Review articles on preventing mosquitoes, GreenCAPS noted that dumping out standing water is one of the best things one can do. Dumping kills the larvae that were in the water and deprives mosquitoes of a place to lay more eggs. To get rid of not only the larvae, but also the eggs, also wipe out the inside of the container after it's empty. As the CDC notes, mosquito eggs adhere to the inside walls of containers, just above the waterline, where they "stick like glue." If not wiped out, eggs stuck there can survive in the dry container for up to eight months and resume developing if they get covered with water during that time, by rainfall or water from a garden hose, for example.

Now for what you shouldn't do: Bug zappers that electrocute flying insects aren't effective, according to the American Mosqui-

to Control Association (AMCA). More than 90 percent of those satisfying snaps of electricity one hears while sitting on the patio at night might make you feel better, but they're not frying mosquitoes; they're frying other insects, the vast majority of which are beneficial, including those that prey on other insect pests that are a major food source for birds and other animals, or are crop pollinators, and that help keep our environment in balance. The AMCA cited two studies by the University of Notre Dame, showing that only 4.1 and 6.4 percent, respectively, of the bugs killed by zappers over one season were mosquitoes. The studies also showed no difference in mosquito numbers in yards that had zappers vs. those that didn't. Another study cited by the AMCA showed that far less than 1 percent of the comparatively paltry number of mosquitoes killed by zappers were female, the only gender that bites (males feed on nectar).

Susan Cahill



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Screen 1 - Main Auditorium

**Jules** (PG-13) (CC) (DVS)  
(2023) (90 mins)  
Fri. 5:00 PM, 7:30 PM  
Sat. 5:00 PM, 7:30 PM  
Sun. 2:30 PM (OC)  
Mon. 2:45 PM, 5:15 PM  
Tues. 8:00 PM  
Wed. 5:45 PM  
Thurs. 8:00 PM

**Carole King: Home Again - Live in Central Park** (NR) (2023) (80 mins)  
Wed. 8:00 PM

**Monsters University** (G) (CC) (DVS) (2013) (104 mins)  
Free School's Out screening sponsored by Labbe Orthodontics!  
Thurs. 1:00 PM

Screen 2 - The Screening Room

**Shortcomings** (R) (CC) (DVS) (2023) (92 mins)  
Fri. 5:15 PM  
Sat. 7:45 PM  
Sun. 5:15 PM (OC)  
Mon. 5:00 PM  
Tues. 6:00 PM  
Wed. 7:45 PM  
Thurs. 6:00 PM

**Theater Camp** (PG-13) (CC) (DVS) (2023) (94 mins)  
Fri. 7:45 PM  
Sat. 5:15 PM  
Sun. 5:00 PM in Screen 1  
Mon. 2:30 PM (OC)  
Tues. 8:15 PM  
Wed. 5:15 PM  
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Deadline for letters is 6 p.m. Monday. Submission does not guarantee publication. Letters should be no longer than 300 words (shorter letters are more likely to be published). Letters may be edited for clarity, grammar, civility and space constraints. The News Review may add a comment from the editor if deemed necessary. All letters must include the letter writer's name, physical address, and telephone number. Only the name will be published; the News Review will consider requests for the name to be withheld.



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On Screen at Old Greenbelt Theatre  
**Jules**  
The film follows Milton (Ben Kingsley), who lives a quiet life of routine in a small western Pennsylvania town, but finds his day upended when a UFO and its extraterrestrial passenger crash-land in his backyard. Before long, Milton develops a close relationship with the extraterrestrial he calls "Jules." Things become complicated when two neighbors (Harriet Sansom Harris and Jane Curtin) discover Jules and the government quickly closes in. What follows is a funny, wildly inventive ride as the three neighbors find meaning and connection later in life – thanks to this unlikely stranger.

**Shortcomings**  
Ben, a struggling filmmaker, lives in Berkeley, Calif., with his girlfriend, Miko, who works for a local Asian-American film festival. When he's not managing an arthouse movie theater as his day job, Ben spends his time obsessing over unavailable blonde women, watching Criterion Collection DVDs and eating in diners with his best friend Alice, a queer grad student with a serial dating habit. When Miko moves to New York for an internship, Ben is left to his own devices, and begins to explore what he thinks he might want.

**Theater Camp**  
Tony Award winner Ben Platt and Molly Gordon star in this new original comedy as Amos and Rebecca-Diane – lifelong best friends and drama instructors at a rundown camp in upstate New York. When clueless tech-bro Troy (Jimmy Tatro) arrives to run the property (into the ground), Amos, Rebecca-Diane and production manager Glenn (Noah Galvin) band together with the staff and students to stage a masterpiece and keep their beloved summer camp afloat.

**Carole King: Home Again – Live in Central Park**  
This brand-new feature-length concert documentary presents musical icon Carole King's triumphant May 26, 1973, homecoming concert on The Great Lawn of New York City's Central Park before an estimated audience of 100,000. Directed by George Scott and produced by Lou Adler and John McDermott, the film presents the complete multi-camera 16-mm footage filmed and recorded by Adler in 1973 but never before released. Alongside the complete performance footage is the behind-the-scenes story of King's remarkable transformation from an in-demand, staff songwriter to an iconic artist in her own right.

**Monsters University (2013)**  
Ever since he was a kid monster, Mike Wazowski (Billy Crystal) has dreamed of becoming a Scarer. To make his dream a reality, he enrolls at Monsters University. During his first semester, he meets Sulley (John Goodman), a natural-born Scarer. Sulley and Mike engage in a fierce rivalry that ultimately gets them both kicked out of MU's elite Scare Program. To make things right, Mike and Sulley – along with a bunch of misfit monsters – will have to learn to work together.



# Community Events

## Retro Town Fair Returns September 3

The Greenbelt Museum knows you have been planting, baking and crafting this spring and summer! Consider sharing your lovely items with the community through the annual Retro Town Fair, to be held on the Greenbelt Museum grounds on Sunday, September 3. All the traditional categories that have been so popular over these many years will be included. Greenbelters are creative and this is their chance to shine.

Entries will be accepted on the morning of the Fair at the Greenbelt Museum, as in years past. Judges are excited to taste, touch and inspect many amazing entries this year. After the judging is finished and ribbons affixed to winners, the public is invited to come view the entries from 1 to 4 p.m. The historic Museum house will be open for quick free tours from 1 to 4, and Museum board members will welcome visitors into the future Education and Visitor Center at 10-A Crescent Road to share plans and updates. Further details and entry forms will be coming in late August.


For more information email Greenbelt Museum Education and Volunteer Coordinator Sheila Maffay-Tuthill at [education@greenbeltmuseum.org](mailto:education@greenbeltmuseum.org).



## Information Day Seeks Participants

Greenbelt Labor Day Festival’s annual Information Day is a great opportunity for clubs, businesses or organizations to showcase the heart and soul of each group without the pressure of making sales. It’s all about building connections, fostering community spirit and sharing stories. Engage with festivalgoers, make new friends and let enthusiasm shine.

Information Day is on Saturday, September 2 from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. in Roosevelt Center. There is a \$35 registration fee. The focus should be on community engagement – sales are not permitted. For more information and to apply, visit [bit.ly/sept2infoday](http://bit.ly/sept2infoday).



**Greenbelt Access Television**  
**Aug. 19, Sat - Aug. 25, Fri**  
Verizon FIOS Channel 19 • Comcast 77  
(School Programming on Your Cable Guide)  
[Streaming on www.greenbeltaccessstv.org](http://www.greenbeltaccessstv.org)

**THIS WEEK on GATe • Your Community Access Station**

Featured Film (9am, 3pm, and 8pm)  
**My Favorite Brunette (1947)**  
This classic film blends romance, comedy, and film-noir parody. Starring Bob Hope, Peter Lorre, Dorothy Lamour, and Bing Crosby!

Music from the New Deal Cafe (2pm, 10pm)  
**Karikatura**  
Born on the road, Karikatura hasn't stopped moving. The band was conceived in South India in 2009 by Ukrainian-born, Brooklyn-bred guitarist Dima Kay, while on a globetrotting journey in which he directly experienced the power of music to unite.

All this and more on the GATe channel this week! Check [greenbeltaccessstv.org](http://greenbeltaccessstv.org) for the full broadcast schedule, and visit [Greenbelt Access Television on YouTube](https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCv8v8v8v8v8v8v8v8v8v8v8) for new video productions.

## Participants Sought For Labor Day Parade

The annual Labor Day Festival Parade will take place on Monday, September 4 from 10 a.m. to noon. Community, school and other groups, local businesses, political incumbents and candidates are invited to submit a parade registration form, obtainable from [greenbeltlaborday.com](http://greenbeltlaborday.com). Register no later than Saturday, August 26. Create a float, put together a performance, show off an antique or otherwise unique vehicle, or simply march together displaying signs advertising your group. There will be prizes.

## Labor Day Festival Annual Talent Show

The Labor Day Festival is looking for performers for the Rising Stars Performance Showcase. The 2023 performance will take place on Sunday, September 3, from 4:30 p.m. to 7:30 p.m. on the Festival main stage. Sing, dance, play an instrument, read a poem, act, and more! Solo acts, bands, groups, choirs all welcome. This event is not a competition but a sharing event. All participants will receive ride tickets and a snack voucher. To participate, sign up at [greenbeltlaborday.com](http://greenbeltlaborday.com) and select Events – Rising Stars.

## Labor Day Festival Seeks Art and Photos

Adults and children are invited to enter their artwork and photos in the Labor Day Festival Art Show and Photo Show. Visit [greenbeltlaborday.com](http://greenbeltlaborday.com) to see categories and other information. Drop-off is at the Community Center gym on Wednesday, August 30 from 5 to 8 p.m.

At the Festival, the art and photos can be viewed in the gym on Saturday and Sunday between 1 and 6 p.m., and on Monday from noon to 4 p.m. Winning artwork will have ribbons displayed, and visitors can vote for their community favorites on Saturday and Sunday.

## Memorial Service For Past Residents

A brief service will be held on Saturday, September 2, at 6 p.m., near the grassy area behind the Mother and Child Statue, by the Greenbelt Interfaith Leadership Association to commemorate Greenbelt residents who died from September 1, 2022, to August 15, 2023. Visit [greenbeltinterfaith.org/memorials](http://greenbeltinterfaith.org/memorials) to see if a relative or friend is listed. To add an individual to be remembered who is not listed, type their name in the box provided and click submit.

## Scholarship Fund Holds Raider Roast at Legion

The David Craig Memorial Scholarship Fund (DCMSF), whose mission is providing financial assistance to one graduate of Eleanor Roosevelt High School (ERHS) each year, is hosting its annual celebration.

The Raider Roast celebration in its 10th year continues to meet at the Greenbelt American Legion during the Labor Day Festival weekend.

This year the celebration begins on Saturday, September 2 and includes a cornhole tournament from 1 to 4 p.m., pre-registration until 12:30 p.m. with an entry fee. Winners will receive a cash prize. A pulled pork dinner is scheduled from 4 to 7 p.m. and features draft beer, soda, water, desserts, sides and vegetable options.

Combo tickets for the tournament entry and meal as well as separate event tickets can be obtained by calling or texting Doug Mangum at 301-474-7874 or emailing [dahammer61@yahoo.com](mailto:dahammer61@yahoo.com). Tickets can also be purchased at the Co-op Supermarket ramp on August 18, 23, 25 and 30 from 4 to 7 p.m.

The DCMSF was founded in 1986 after the death of Greenbelter David Craig, a 21-year-old Frostburg State graduate and ERHS alumnus (class of 1979).

The first recipient was awarded \$1,000 in 1987. The current award is now \$12,000 paid over four years. The DCMSF is a tax deductible 501C3 charity and to date has paid out \$229,250 thanks to 38 years of generous private donors and contributors.

The public is invited to share in our success and continued purpose of honoring and paying tribute to David, his now deceased mom and dad (Louise and Dick) and big sister Debbie Craig Rhodes.



## Reel & Meal Screens Doc on Slave Trading

Reel and Meal will show the film *Traces of the Trade: A Story from the Deep North* at 7 p.m. on Monday, August 21, at the New Deal Café and via Zoom.

The 2008 film follows the journey of Katrina Browne as she discovers that, although her 19th century ancestors lived in the northern U.S., they ran a major international slave-trading business. The film offers powerful new perspectives on the Black/White divide and was an official selection of the 2008 Sundance Film Festival.

Browne, the film’s producer/director, will be at the New Deal to moderate the discussion after the film and answer questions. She will also share her experience using small group dialogue to advance racial healing, reconciliation and justice in the lives of individuals.

The film is hosted by the Greenbelt Bahá’í Community to encourage community conversation related to the work of the Greenbelt Reparations Commission.

The film begins at 7 p.m. live in the New Deal Café, and is also broadcast over Zoom. Registration for virtual viewing via Zoom is required by using this link: [tinyurl.com/ReelNMealAUG21](https://tinyurl.com/ReelNMealAUG21).

Café attendees may order dinner from the Café’s full dinner menu. There will be a drawing for a \$10 voucher to cover in-person meal expenses.

Reel and Meal at the New Deal is a monthly film series focused on environmental, social justice and animal rights issues, presented by the Utopia Film Festival and the Prince George’s County Peace & Justice Coalition. For more information see the Reel and Meal Facebook page at [facebook.com/reelandmealNDC](https://facebook.com/reelandmealNDC) or contact Jim Fischer at [jfischer2@verizon.net](mailto:jfischer2@verizon.net).

## Golden Age Schedule Change

The Golden Age Club will meet for Bingo on Wednesday, August 23 at 11 a.m. in the Community Center second floor meeting room. There will be no meeting on August 30 due to all of the set-up activities for the Labor Day Festival that will be taking place in the building and surrounding parking lots.

Remember that there will be a bake sale on Saturday morning, September 2 on the Co-op Supermarket ramp. Remember to bake and bring some goodies.

## Public Invited to View XRISM Mission Launch


Watch a live broadcast of the launch of the X-Ray Imaging and Spectroscopy Mission (XRISM) on Friday, August 25 at the Goddard Visitor Center, 9432 Greenbelt Road.

The launch is scheduled for 8:34 p.m. Doors will open at 7 p.m. for attendees to enjoy the exhibits, a brief overview from the project team and live coverage from Tanegashima Space Center in Japan. Registration is requested by August 18. For more information on XRISM, visit [nasa.gov/xrism](https://nasa.gov/xrism).



## Music on the Porch

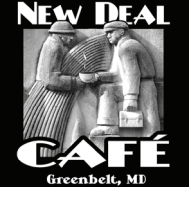
Greenbelt Community Church, United Church of Christ will make music on the porch on Saturday, August 26 from 1 to 4 p.m. at 1 Hillside Road. The program is primarily dedicated to musicians and singers in the community contributing to the worldwide presentations of the day via an open mic format. The Rockin’ Relics band will provide the sound system and amps, etc., and will play during lulls in performances. The festivities are part of Worldwide Play Music on the Porch Day.



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<b>Reggie Right Eye &amp; the Missing Pieces</b> 7-9pm Blues, roots rock, a little country & unexpected covers	<b>The Wharf Rats</b> 8-11pm Shakin’ psychedelic jams and tasty originals	<b>Poetry Open Mic*, 1-3pm</b> <b>The Sugarsmacks w/ The Relics</b> 8-11pm <b>FUNDRAISER FOR THE NEW DEAL CAFE!</b>	<b>Fez Tones Hafla</b> 6-8pm Middle Eastern music and the region’s best dancers	
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Join or renew your membership. Go to [www.newdealcafe.com](http://www.newdealcafe.com), click on “ABOUT”, then “BECOME A MEMBER OR RENEW.”

\*For more information on these and other events, visit the **NDC CALENDAR** page on our website.

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youth.” MJ said that while at an antiviolenence rally, she and her husband suddenly understood. “We had a kind of epiphany that if we want peace, we need to intentionally teach peace.”

They set about creating a curriculum that would provide a set of tools for everyday life. They have worked in Maryland for 31 years, and now live in Accokeek.

The third day is cooperate, where campers learn that, in order to solve a conflict, they need to work together and that conflicts are not bad. “They’re an opportunity for a relationship,” MJ said. The camp has a peace table with a peace pole in the middle where children learn to talk with each other. The code word cooperate takes on a completely new level of meaning for the games run by Jerry. “In cooperative games we take competitive games that kids are very familiar with, like musical chairs or dodgeball, and we change the rules so that it’s not a win-lose game. It’s a win-win,” he said. “With cooperative musical chairs, when the music stops and you don’t have a chair, you’re not out. You’re in somebody else’s, sharing the chair, and the chairs become a lifeboat or the whole team saves the whole team.” The kids run around, have fun and learn about promoting everyone winning. Nevertheless, there are inevitable conflicts. In fact, conflicts are part of the curriculum, and are part of the day of cooperation.

Other new themes this year included presentations on caring for and protecting the Earth and how a plant-based diet might be good for one, the environment and the world. Greenbelters Geraldine Adams (Food for Life instructor), Lore Rosenthal, Alex Barnes and Patience Robbins offered presentations or support throughout the week. On Friday afternoon, Peace Camp ended

with a presentation for parents and friends. The campers sang songs, shared memories of the past week and what they learned about peace.

For more information about bringing Peace Education to your school or community, or to order the book, tool cards and shirts, visit Lffp.org. Camps are now located in the Washington, D.C., metropolitan area.

Amy Hansen, MJ Park and Patience Robbins contributed to this article.



Peace Camp staff gather to celebrate a successful camp.

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charter and speak with the city solicitor as they work with staff to consider options, said George. He noted that there are only two-and-a-half months until the election and that will likely be a consideration in how to proceed.

Section 32 of the city charter states: “If a seat in the council becomes vacant, the remaining members of council by a majority vote shall, as soon as possible, elect a person to fill the unexpired term.”

At the meeting, Byrd said he would be resigning effective

August 25, making his last regular voting council meeting that night, August 14.

Obituaries

The News Review publishes obituaries of Greenbelt residents, past or present.

You write it or we will if you prefer. We try to include information about participation in various activities and organizations, where the person lived and something about the family. A photograph and service information should be included. There is no charge.



Our congratulations to Kathy Labukas, who last month competed for Maryland in the National Senior Games and finished in the top 10 nationally in all of her events! Kathy swam with the Greenbelt swim team from the age of 6 to 18.

Congratulations also to Eleanor Roosevelt High School student Vanessa Gray, who was one of 43 high school students attending the Joint Science and Technology Institute East, an educational opportunity to expand their knowledge and experience in science, technology, engineering and math.

Send details of your news to editor@greenbeltnewsreview.com.

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Isaiah 41:10



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# City Information & Events

The strength of Greenbelt is diverse people living together in a spirit of cooperation. We celebrate all people. By sharing together all are enriched. We strive to be a respectful, welcoming community that is open, accessible, safe and fair.

## MEETINGS FOR AUGUST 21 - 25

Monday, August 21 at 7:30 pm, **WORK SESSION - TBD**

Tuesday, August 22 at 7 pm, **ADVISORY COMMITTEE ON EDUCATION**, *On the Agenda: Minutes from June Meeting, Labor Day Parade, Budget 2023-2024, Report on Council's Work Session with Advisory Committee Chairs, Review ACE Documents (Charter, Brochure, etc), Grants Planning, Discuss School Liaison Roles, AOB*

Tuesday, August 22 at 7:30 pm, **ADVISORY COMMITTEE ON ENVIRONMENTAL SUSTAINABILITY AND GREEN TEAM**, *On the Agenda: SMC Recertification, EV Event, Biodiesel*

Wednesday, August 23 at 7:10 pm, **ADVISORY BOARD INTERVIEW**

Wednesday, August 23 at 7:30 pm, **WORK SESSION - WASHINGTON GAS**

Thursday, August 24 at 5:30 pm, **BOARD OF ELECTIONS**

Thursday, August 24 at 7 pm, **FOREST PRESERVE ADVISORY BOARD**, *On the Agenda: Advertising for the Science Fund, Labor Day Information Day Tabling, Owen's Poster for the Eastern Old-Growth Forest Conference, Green Mechanics Report to City Council, Review of Chair Election Process Under Dynamic Governance Guidelines (Voting to Occur Next Meeting), Next Meeting September 28, Adjourn*

**In advance, the hearing impaired is advised to use MD RELAY at 711 to submit your questions/comments or contact the City Clerk at (301) 474-8000 or email [banderson@greenbeltmd.gov](mailto:banderson@greenbeltmd.gov). This schedule is subject to change. For confirmation that a meeting is being held call (301) 474-8000. For information on public participation for the meetings above, visit the meetings calendar at [www.greenbeltmd.gov/calendar](http://www.greenbeltmd.gov/calendar).**

## COMMITTEES & BOARDS VACANCIES:

- Advisory Committee on Education
- Advisory Planning Board
- Arts Advisory Board
- Board of Appeals
- Board of Elections
- Community Relations Advisory Board
- Employee Relations Board
- Forest Preserve Advisory Board
- Greenbelt Advisory Committee on Environmental Sustainability
- Park and Recreation Advisory Board
- Senior Citizens Advisory Committee
- Youth Advisory Committee

**FOR MORE INFORMATION, CALL (301) 474-8000.**

## MICRO GRANTS, ROUND II Applications Open Thursday, August 24

The City of Greenbelt Micro Grant is a one-time, matching, reimbursable grant intended to be a resident-led initiative aimed at building community and engaging new people across neighborhoods.

For more information about the Greenbelt Micro Grant including guidelines and application, visit [www.engagegreenbelt.org/grants](http://www.engagegreenbelt.org/grants).

## CITY ELECTION INFORMATION VOTER REGISTRATION DEADLINE FOR CITY ELECTION OCTOBER 9, 2023

Greenbelt residents are reminded that to participate in the 2023 City Council election—whether as a voter, a candidate for City Council, or a signer of a petition for a candidate—you must be qualified to vote in Prince George's County.

### To register, you must:

- Be a citizen of the United States of America
- Be at least 16 years of age
- Be domiciled within the corporate limits of the City of Greenbelt as of the date of registration
- Not have been convicted of a felony, or if you have, you have completed serving a court-ordered sentence of imprisonment, including any term of parole or probation for the conviction
- Not be under guardianship for mental disability

## VOTER REGISTRATION

For information about registering to vote in Prince George's County, contact the County Board of Elections at 301-430-8020 or visit [www.elections.state.md.us](http://www.elections.state.md.us). Forms for voter registration and address and name change are available on the city website, [www.greenbeltmd.gov](http://www.greenbeltmd.gov).

All forms must be received by the County Board of Elections in Upper Marlboro **no later than 4:30 pm, Monday, October 9.**

For additional information, contact Bonita Anderson, City Clerk at (301) 474-8000 or [elections@greenbeltmd.gov](mailto:elections@greenbeltmd.gov).

**If you are already registered to vote in Prince George's County but have moved or changed your name since the last election, you must complete an application to have this information changed. \*\*This can also be done online at [www.elections.state.md.us](http://www.elections.state.md.us).**

## CURRENT FREE CARES PROGRAMS

### BACK TO SCHOOL FAMILY HEALTH FAIR

August 22, 10 am - 3 pm

Sign-up required. To register: <https://forms.gle/AoXwyNna5XcHNYbU8>. Contact Brendy Garcia at (240) 424-0302 or [bgarcia@greenbeltmd.gov](mailto:bgarcia@greenbeltmd.gov)

### EMERGENCY DIAPER PROGRAM

Supporting Greenbelt families in need of diapers. Greenbelt residents only, you must sign-up each month.

To register: <https://forms.gle/xMhpkL765xGdN2W56>. Questions? Call (240) 542-2019.

### NURSING PROGRAM

Starts in mid September

Services include bathing assistance, medication management, and more. Contact Sharon Johnson at (240) 542-2029 or [sjohnson@greenbeltmd.gov](mailto:sjohnson@greenbeltmd.gov).

### MY GROCERIES TO GO

Limited slots available. Participants 60+ will receive a monthly grocery box. Ccontact Brendy at (240) 424-0302 or [bgarcia@greenbeltmd.gov](mailto:bgarcia@greenbeltmd.gov).

### POWERFUL TOOLS FOR CAREGIVERS

Session 7 - September 19 - October 31

This 6-week class series helps caregivers take better care of themselves while caring for a friend or relative.

### HELP LOWERING HOUSEHOLD EXPENSES

Need help lowering household expenses? Call or email to see if you qualify to apply for Energy or Water Assistance, Renters', Homeowners', Senior orHome Modification Tax Credit programs. We will help you complete the program applications and mail them off. Contact Dominique Kheav [dkheav@greenbeltmd.gov](mailto:dkheav@greenbeltmd.gov) or (301) 615-1225.

### STRESS SURFING

Three weekly session programs focus on the science of stress and stress management techniques that can be utilized in daily life to enhance overall well-being. To register, <https://forms.gle/K1ipaZusd5zPdW1L7> or call (240)424-0302.

### PEACE PROGRAM

The PEACE program is geared toward helping individuals with chronic pain and their caregivers by using evidence-based strategies to self-manage pain that can be supplemental to existing prescribed pain management treatment received from healthcare professionals. To register, <https://forms.gle/qDGjWqBryUPeyNFL8> or call (240) 424-0302.

### JAMES HENDERSON GENERATIONAL LEGACY PLANNING

The presentation will allow the audience to understand what the generational transfer of assets, values, and goals is, which is not a natural process but requires planning. The presentation will also discuss (1) defining family culture, (2) setting family goals, (3) learning key financial concepts, and (4) preparing beneficiaries for their inheritance. To register: [bit.ly/3DKJKfx](http://bit.ly/3DKJKfx) or call (240) 424-0302.

### DEALING WITH BEHAVIORAL ISSUES OF DEMENTIA SEMINAR

You will learn to identify many of the underlying causes of dementia-related behaviors. Acquire the tools needed to respond in ways that are helpful. Develop a plan to address the issues. To register: [bit.ly/3OJxT7V](http://bit.ly/3OJxT7V) or call (240) 424-0302.

### STAGING COGNITIVE DECLINE

Join us as we look into the different staging scales and what this means we can expect (or not expect!). What stage is my loved one at? Understanding more about the stages of Alzheimer's disease and what to expect can help us provide better support to meet our loved ones' needs. To register: [bit.ly/440Z4j1](http://bit.ly/440Z4j1) or call (240) 424-0302.

## FREE PRODUCE DISTRIBUTION

### AUGUST 17, TWO EVENTS/LOCATIONS

**Community Center:** 1 - 3 pm

**Springhill Lake Recreation Center:** 12 - 1:30 pm,Mmust live in: Verde at Greenbelt Station, Greenbelt Station Master Association, Franklin Park, Motiva. Register by visiting <http://ow.ly/uGnV50OHgTN>.

## CITY ELECTION INFORMATION Dates & Deadlines for 2023 City Council Elections

First day to receive papers and file nomination petition	8/21
Last day to file nomination petition (5 pm)	9/26
Date of drawing for placement on ballot (7:30 pm)	9/26
First interim Campaign Contributions & Expenditures Report (by 12 pm)	9/29
First day to send out mail-in ballots	10/06
Last day to register to vote (must be received by 4:30 pm in Upper Marlboro)	10/09
Second interim Campaign Contributions & Expenditures Report (by 12 pm)	10/27
Early voting begins	11/04
Training session for election judges and clerks	11/06
Election (7 am - 8 pm)	11/07
Mail-in ballots must be received (by 6 pm)	11/07
Final Campaign Contributions & Expenditures Report (12 pm)	11/10
Charter meeting for swearing-in (7:30 pm)	11/13

For additional information, contact Bonita Anderson , City Clerk, at (301) 474-8000 or email [banderson@greenbeltmd.gov](mailto:banderson@greenbeltmd.gov).

## GREENBELT CITY CALENDAR

Be sure to check out the City calendar for all up to date events at [greenbeltmd.gov/calendar](http://greenbeltmd.gov/calendar).



## BUDDY ATTICK PARK MASTER PLAN COMMUNITY MEETING Thursday, August 17, 7 pm Greenbelt Municipal Building, Council Chambers 25 Crescent Road, Greenbelt MD 20770

The City has contracted with Mahan Rykiel and Associates to update the 1992 Buddy Attick Park Master Plan. The City invites community input in developing a system wide approach in evaluating Buddy Attick Park in order to determine goals, policies, guidelines and achievable strategies. The Buddy Attick Park Master Plan is meant to create a vision for the future utilization of the park in order to guide the City regarding the implementation of desired improvements in the future while remaining sensitive to the natural environment.

## CITY ELECTION INFORMATION Nominations for 2023 Regular City Election

In accordance with Section 14 of the City Charter, a regular election will be held in the City of Greenbelt, Maryland, on Tuesday, November 7, 2023, to elect the seven members of the City Council.

Any qualified voter of the City may be nominated for the office of Member of Council upon filing a nomination petition with the City Clerk (signed by not fewer than 50 Greenbelt resident voters), a written acceptance of the nomination, and other statements that are required by the City Charter or by law. Required forms and information are available at 25 Crescent Road, beginning Monday, August 21, from 8:30 am until 4:30 pm.

**NOMINATIONS WILL BE  
ACCEPTED FROM MONDAY,  
AUGUST 21 THROUGH TUESDAY,  
SEPTEMBER 26, 2023.**

For additional information, call Bonita Anderson, City Clerk, at (301) 474-8000, or e-mail [banderson@greenbeltmd.gov](mailto:banderson@greenbeltmd.gov).

## CHANGES TO FREE PRODUCE DISTRIBUTION!

To better serve our community, we are transitioning to Service Insights, a paperless intake system. **You will need to have a card in order to participate in future Produce Distribution, starting September 21, 2023.**

**How do you get a card?** Attend ONE of the events below to pick up your card:

**August 29, 2023, 10 am - 3 pm.**  
Spring Hill Lake Recreation Center, 6101 Cherrywood Lane

**September 6, 2023, 12 - 6 pm**  
Greenbelt Community Center, 15 Crescent Rd, Ground Floor East

**September 7, 2023, 10 am - 3 pm**  
Greenbelt Community Center, 15 Crescent Rd, Ground Floor East



# Teacher Sylla is Still Missing: Police Ask Public for Information

by Melissa Sites and Anna Bedford-Dillow

“The longer she is missing, the longer the search goes on, the greater our concern becomes that we will not be able to locate her in a safe manner, so obviously time is always of the essence in something like this,” said Greenbelt Police Chief Richard Bowers, speaking at a press conference a week-and-a-half after the disappearance of third-grade teacher Mariame Toure Sylla.

Bowers called a press conference on Thursday, August 10 to discuss the missing-person case. The press conference was held outside the Police Station, with several television and news stations attending, as well as some members of the community. Bowers said the search was ongoing and that it continued to be a missing-person case. “We continue to need the public’s help,” he said. “We ask again for help from our community members, from the media, from our partner agencies in locating her and discovering her whereabouts.”

### Friend Reported Her Missing

Sylla was reported missing by her friend, Dougo Sidibe, late on Saturday, July 29 after Sidibe received a call from Sylla’s son saying his mother had not returned from a walk. Sylla’s colleague, John Enoch, said he received a call the following day from Sylla’s son, whom he thought was out of state, telling him of Sylla’s disappearance. Sidibe said Sylla’s son, who did not attend the vigil or press conference, recently returned to Greenbelt and had been living with his mother. A representative from Greenbelt Police Department was unable to respond to the question of when Sylla was last seen by someone other than her son.

### Investigative Techniques

Greenbelt police have utilized a number of different investigative techniques, said Bowers, including searches of the area in conjunction with Maryland State Police and search-and-rescue teams. Schrom Hills Park, where Sylla’s son said she was heading for a walk that evening, was closed on Tuesday, August 1, for a search with canines. “That area has been thoroughly searched and at this point we don’t believe that she’s anywhere in the vicinity of either Schrom Hills Park or where her residence is,” Bowers said on Friday.

### Plea for Information

Police have also worked with state and federal agencies to look at cellphone data, financial data and social media but “none of that has yielded any positive



Greenbelt Police Chief Richard Bowers addresses the media and community at a press conference on Thursday, August 10.

results for us,” reported Bowers. The last known location of Sylla’s cellphone was previously reported to be in the vicinity of the 6500 block of Lake Park Drive, the area of her home.

“I believe that somewhere out there somebody could have seen her, knows where she is and can provide important information as to her whereabouts,” said Bowers. “Our goal continues to be the safe return of Ms. Sylla to her family, her friends, her colleagues and her community. Her absence has been very heartfelt by the members of her community, particularly her school community and her friends and family. They have spent countless hours searching for her in and around the community and I can’t thank them enough for everything that they’ve done. But we still need help in locating her. I feel confident that out there somewhere is a person who

has seen her or has information as to her whereabouts, so we are asking that they contact the City of Greenbelt Police Department through our website or through our telephone number.” “I can’t stress enough the importance of help in finding her at this point,” Bowers told the press and the community. “We have investigated; we are continuing to investigate. We have other things that we are continuing to work on but it does take time to go through those avenues, to try to pull more information together, whether it be through electronic means, social media. We need the public’s help.”

Bowers said police had received tips from as far away as Pennsylvania. Police have no information suggesting other cases of disappearances or deaths are related to Sylla’s. Police also have no information indicating she might have left the country, Bowers stated. He was unable to discuss any financial information that police may have uncovered during their investigation. Sylla does not have her car, her ID, or a medication she needs with her.

### Still Missing-person Case

Asked about the possibility of foul play, Bowers said, “At this point we continue to proceed as a missing-person investigation, keeping in mind that we will go where the evidence leads us. If we discover information that would indicate that there was foul play in her disappearance then that would be the direction our investigation goes.”

Bowers stated that Greenbelt Police are being assisted by local, state and federal partners in their efforts to locate the beloved missing teacher.

### Community Concern

A fellow teacher from College Park told the News Review, “Those of us in the 50-plus club have to keep fit to be able to teach third graders,” but she was alarmed by other women who have been attacked in the area and does not feel safe walking around Lake Artemesia as she would normally.

“I walk by that park almost every day, so, you know, I’m scared,” said one resident, who was surprised Sylla hadn’t been

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# GHI and City Discuss Mains, Supply Pipes and Flooding

by Alex Barnes

Following Greenbelt City Council’s special meeting on August 2 when Mayor Emmett Jordan announced the new city manager, it then held a regular worksession with Greenbelt Homes, Inc. (GHI). No votes or formal actions are taken by council in a worksession. In attendance were all councilmembers (Kristen Weaver attended virtually) except Silke Pope. Present from GHI were seven of its nine directors (Ed James virtually, absent were Sabrina Baron and Chuck Hess) and new GHI General Manager James Claggett. As in previous years, at the top of the list of items for discussion were water and sewer lines. In addition, flooding near 1 Gardenway, a topic previously discussed at last year’s worksession (see the August 11, 2022, issue, p. 6), was discussed again.

### Stormwater Mains

Stormwater management remains a thorny issue. Many of the stormwater mains serving GHI are 12” terra cotta pipes installed in the 1930s, when Greenbelt was built. In the 1950s, when the federal government sold out, these mains became the property of the city. In the 1970s, GHI agreed to take over maintenance of the lateral pipes, with the implication that the city would retain ownership of the main pipes. However, the city is now in negotiation with the county to have WSSC take them over.

Sinkholes develop when these mains fail. Since the city did not respond to a letter from GHI about repairing the mains, GHI said they recently had no choice but to repair the mains at a cost

of \$144,000. GHI President Stefan Brodd said the cooperative is interested in reimbursement for that expense.

Jordan and council said they did not respond to GHI’s letter because of an email glitch. At the meeting, Director of Planning and Community Development Terri Hruby stated that, in general, the county is now responsible for maintaining the mains.

In the 1990s, stormwater management was taken over by the county/WSSC which will maintain the stormwater mains once an easement has been conveyed by the property owner. The conveyance of this easement has been delayed. Interim City Manager Tim George said that the city and county were in the process of reconciling two differing maps but anticipated a near-term resolution that would allow the easement to go ahead. It was also noted that most newer areas of the city are already under the aegis of WSSC.

Councilmember Rodney Roberts, himself a GHI member, said GHI needs to do a better job of managing stormwater before complaining to the city. He noted yards had been transformed into impervious surfaces, increasing stormwater runoff. GHI staff responded that it has a new policy that restricts the amount of impervious surface.

### Water Supply Pipes

The pipes supplying water to the original Greenbelt homes are long past their service age, and have been failing. WSSC took ownership of these pipes in 1958,

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Join us on the steps of Greenbelt Community Church to be a part of Worldwide Play Music on the Porch Day

Saturday, August 26  
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The University of Maryland's Legacy Leadership Institute on Public Policy, in partnership with the State of Maryland, is looking for volunteers age 50+ to serve as volunteer legislative leaders during the 2023-2024 legislative session of the Maryland General Assembly.

The nine week classroom training (two days per week) begins on Tuesday September 19, 2023 and ends on Tuesday December 5, 2023. Classes will be held at the University of Maryland Extension 4H Center, 8020 Greenmead Drive, College Park, Maryland 20749. The volunteer assignment will be in the legislative offices of members of the Maryland General Assembly in Annapolis. Participants will serve a minimum of two (2) days per week starting Wednesday, January 10, 2024 and ending on Monday, April 8, 2024.

For more information or an application, contact Wesley Queen at [wqueen@umd.edu](mailto:wqueen@umd.edu).

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# Candidate Materials from News Review

Candidates for Greenbelt City Council file candidacy papers with the city clerk starting Monday, August 21. Waiting for them will be a folder from the News Review with information on free and paid publicity in the newspaper.

The News Review publishes short biographies, a photo and brief answers to questions as a free service to candidates. This fulfills the newspaper’s responsibility to keep voters informed.

The News Review does not publish letters or articles of support, praise or endorsement from individuals or groups. Additional expo-

sure in the newspaper is by advertisement only and we remind candidates that the same responsible and informed Greenbelters who read the newspaper are also those most likely to vote in local elections.

Electronic versions and fillable PDFs can be found online at [GreenbeltNewsReview.com](http://GreenbeltNewsReview.com) by clicking on the home page link for candidate advertising.

The News Review thanks city council candidates for running. Healthy competition is good for the community and, win or lose, represents a praiseworthy commitment of time and energy to the common good.

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who wish to be sure they are properly registered can look up their registration on the website for the Maryland Board of Elections at [elections.maryland.gov](http://elections.maryland.gov). From the home page, click on Voter Services under the heading Hot Topics. While this information will confirm the details of the registration, users should be aware that the polling place listed for them on this site will be the one used for county, state and federal elections.

### Eligibility to Register

Besides being a city resident at the time of registration, an individual wishing to register to vote must be a U.S. citizen and should have a birthdate no later than November 7, 2007.

Individuals who have been found by a court to be incapable of voting by reason of mental disability are not eligible to register. No one can register who has been convicted of buying or selling votes. Persons may register who have been convicted of other felonies if they have completed their court-ordered sentence of imprisonment, including any required term of parole or probation.

### Student Registration

Otherwise-qualified students who are attending colleges in Maryland may register to vote if they consider their local address to be their legal address or domicile. Usually that means it is the address that appears on tax returns or other government documents, driver’s license, bank accounts, charge accounts and so forth. For more information about student registration, go to [elections.maryland.gov/voter\\_registration/students.html](http://elections.maryland.gov/voter_registration/students.html).

### Registering – Just Do It

There are now so many ways to register to vote in Maryland that it is easier to just do it than to come up with an excuse. Registration may be accomplished online, by mail or in person. Registering online at the State Board of Elections website ([elections.maryland.gov](http://elections.maryland.gov)) using Maryland’s Online Voter Registration System (OLVR) requires submission of a name, date of birth and driver’s license number, ID number or learner’s permit number that

match information on file with the Maryland Motor Vehicle Administration (MVA). The signature on file at the MVA will become the official voter registration signature.

Anyone who has neither a valid Maryland driver’s license nor a substitute MVA-issued ID card must complete a paper voter registration form and either mail it to the County Board of Elections or submit it in person at the office of the county board in Largo by the deadline. This form cannot be faxed or emailed because it requires an original signature.

Voter registration forms may be downloaded and printed from the state Board of Elections site. Paper forms for mailing are also available at the city clerk’s office in the Municipal Building at 25 Crescent Road, as well as at the Greenbelt Library at 11 Crescent Road. If picking up a form is not possible, call the County Board of Elections office at 301-341-7300 and ask to receive one by mail.

### Registration Changes

Registered Maryland voters are no longer required to re-register if they move to a new address within the state, even if they are crossing county lines, but they must update their information. Address or name updates to existing registrations can be made using the same methods used for registering. Changes may be made online using the OLVR system at the state Board of Elections site if one has a Maryland driver’s license or MVA identification card. Changes may be made using a voter registration form to be mailed to the County Board of Elections or submitted in person in Largo by the October 9 deadline. Completing a change of address form at the MVA will also send the change to the county for processing unless the voter asks that it not be.

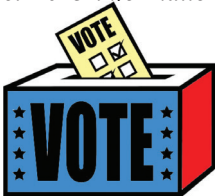
### Party Affiliation

Greenbelt City Council elections are nonpartisan, which means there are no primary elections and no party designations or slates. In registering to vote, however, a resident has the option of registering with any of the state’s recognized political par-

ties for the purposes of voting in partisan primaries in presidential, state and county elections. Maryland will hold a primary election for its 2024 Presidential Election.

For questions on voter registration for the city election, contact the County Board of Elections at 301-341-7300 or the Greenbelt city clerk’s office at 301-474-8000. Additional information on the city election can be found on the city website at [greenbeltmd.gov](http://greenbeltmd.gov).

– The information above is based on an article by Kathleen Gallagher that appeared in the August 31, 2017, issue of the News Review. It has been updated to reflect 2023 information.



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# Cyberattack Hits County Schools, More than 4,000 Users Impacted

by Anna Bedford-Dillow

Prince George’s County Public Schools (PGCPS) experienced a cyberattack on the system’s network that was detected early Monday morning, August 14. Initially, on Monday, PGCPS reported a network outage affecting email and other services that they were working to restore but that evening they announced news of a cyberattack on their network. According to a press release from PGCPS, an estimated 4,500 user accounts out of 180,000 were impacted, primarily staff accounts. “The school system is still assessing the full scope of this incident, but as of this time, the main business and student information systems – Oracle and SchoolMAX – do not appear to be impacted by this event,” read a statement. SchoolMax is a portal used to record and communicate pupils’ attendance, grades and schedules, report cards and disciplinary incidents among other information.

Many parents and students have been logging in recently to find class and teacher assignments for the coming school year, which commences Monday, August 28. Monday’s announcement noted that critical network systems had been restored and additional functions would continue to be brought back online that evening. All PGCPS users are being required to reset their passwords “out of an abundance of caution,” the school system announced.

Those whose information has been impacted should expect to be contacted in the coming days with further details. A team of external cybersecurity experts are reviewing the network’s breach.

To change a PGCPS password, visit [idm.pgcps.org](http://idm.pgcps.org). The SchoolMAX Family Portal Password can be reset at [idm.pgcps.org/identity/faces/forgotpassword.jsp](http://idm.pgcps.org/identity/faces/forgotpassword.jsp).

# This Week at the Library

Regular hours at the Greenbelt Library are Mondays, Thursdays and Fridays, 10 a.m. to 6 p.m.; Tuesdays and Wednesdays, noon to 8 p.m.; Saturdays, 10 a.m. to 5 p.m.; and Sundays, 1 to 5 p.m. In case of inclement weather or an emergency, check [pgcmls.info/alerts](http://pgcmls.info/alerts).

The Teen Action Group is on hiatus until the fall.

### Storytimes

Friday, August 18, 11:15 a.m., ages 2 to 3. Register at [pgcmls.info/event/8555438](http://pgcmls.info/event/8555438).

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Monday, August 21, 10:15 a.m., ages newborn to 2. Register at [pgcmls.info/event/8555395](http://pgcmls.info/event/8555395).

Monday, August 21, 10:30 a.m. Storytime on Screen at the Old Greenbelt Theatre. This program is in collaboration with the Old Greenbelt Theatre. Register at [pgcmls.info/event/8555585](http://pgcmls.info/event/8555585).

Tuesday, August 22, 6:30 p.m., ages 3 to 5. Register at [pgcmls.info/event/9042108](http://pgcmls.info/event/9042108).

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# Council Holds Worksession With Hotels, Draws Only One

by Maurice Crawford

The Greenbelt City Council held a worksession with local hotels on Monday, August 7, that was unfortunately only attended by two hotel representatives, both from the Residence Inn by Marriott (Wendy Williams, manager, and Martha Velasco). The discussion was wide ranging from an overview of the hotel business to sustainability issues. Councilmember Colin Byrd was especially interested in the hiring and retention of employees. At the Residence Inn much of their hiring is by word of mouth. They have a low turnover and have not had issues retaining workers with some employees having worked there 10 to 15 years.

Councilmember Judith Davis posed questions on environmental sustainability and learned of

practices taken by the hotel including recycling, limiting linen washing and their plan to build a car charging station. Mayor Emmett Jordan mentioned Greenbelt’s committee on environmental sustainability and potential areas of collaboration: for example, coordination of shuttle services and finding grants for charging stations.

Concerns expressed by the hoteliers included theft of car tires and car vandalism. They are interested in expanding charitable work in the community and one idea suggested by Davis is taking care of the nearby Walker cemetery. Residence Inn is also considering developing a community garden and a playground for their long-term customers.

# Cooling Down in the Heat



Sickle’s lemonade stand on a hot August day in the common area between 11 and 13 Courts Ridge Road. From left, Parran Sickle, Helen Sickle, and far right, mom, Alyssa Sickle.



Helen Sickle works at her lemonade stand (brother Calvert stands behind the red cups).

- Photos by Barbara Bjanes

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but its offers to replace them have been rejected by GHI. GHI is responsible for the pipe from the meter to the home. WSSC’s proposals move the water meters farther from the homes, significantly increasing the amount of pipe under GHI’s responsibility, incurring increased maintenance costs to future GHI members.

Brodd explained that GHI was close to an agreement with WSSC, but then WSSC staff were replaced. He said that GHI will renew negotiations with the new WSSC leadership early next year.

Roberts said that the original pipes are galvanized steel and pose a risk of lead poisoning. “If I had my way,” he said, “we would have been in court years ago making WSSC do what they should do which is replace those pipes.”

**Flooding**

GHI updated council on its progress to ameliorate the flooding that occurs in the superblock including courts 33 Ridge, 56 Crescent and 1 Gardenway which are uphill from the underpass near the Sunoco service station. A civil engineering firm retained by GHI has designed a plan to spread out water coming downhill from GHI before it gets to the underpass. The city has retained the same firm to analyze flooding downhill from the underpass and suggested that the two projects be coordinated. Brodd said the contract for implementing the plan will be “let soon.”

# Man Who Stopped for Gas Shot at Exxon by Carjackers

by Anna Bedford-Dillow

At approximately 3:25 a.m. on Thursday, August 10, a dark Toyota Corolla pulled into the Exxon Station at 7619 Greenbelt Road where a man in a white Honda SUV had stopped to get gas. The Greenbelt Police say an attempted carjacking and shooting followed.

Video footage from the gas station shows that the suspects’ sedan had the passenger door open as it rapidly pulled up beside the occupied pump and a man jumped from the vehicle carrying a rifle. The first suspect ran to the open driver’s door of the white SUV, where the victim was sitting, waiting as he fueled his car. The suspect then pointed the rifle at the victim at close range and demanded his keys as another man exited the Toyota to assist in the carjacking.

Police say the victim initially complied with demands but an altercation ensued and he was then shot in the face. The two suspects, both dressed in black, and one with red sneakers, fled the scene in the Toyota, which was driven by a third accomplice who remained in the vehicle.

The victim was transported to Capital Regional Medical Center for what were believed to be life-threatening injuries. Police later reported that the man was in

stable condition.

Speaking to the press on Thursday morning, Chief Richard Bowers revealed that Greenbelt police are investigating whether the perpetrators of the shooting at the Exxon were involved in another nearby incident. Bowers said the Greenbelt Police Department is working with Prince George’s County Police to determine any connection to a subsequent carjacking a brief time later.

Determining a connection between carjackings and car thefts over different jurisdictions presents challenges. As the News Review previously reported (see Several Greenbelters Discuss Youth Delinquency Concerns in the August 3 issue), inability to interrogate juveniles has hampered police responses to these crimes, according to Bowers. Should a juvenile suspect be arrested for a crime under another jurisdiction, Greenbelt Police may not be able to talk with them, even if they are suspected for a similar crime in Greenbelt.

Police ask anyone with information regarding the identity of the suspects to contact Detective Davis at 240-542-2134, ddavis@greenbeltnmd.gov or the Greenbelt Police Department at 301-474-7200.

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seen either entering or leaving the park. “It’s not that big, just the wooded section, oh it’s small ... We need to know what happened to this woman! That park is very busy ... There’s one man who sits in the park all day ... He’s always there.”

At this point, a tip from the public could provide crucial help. Greenbelt Police Department social media has received 400,000 hits, including some tips which

the police will thoroughly investigate.

Sylla is 59 years old, described as a 5’5” Black woman weighing approximately 135 pounds, and was wearing a long colorful dress and a scarf when she left her home. Anyone who has seen Sylla or has any information that might help locate her should call the Greenbelt Police Department at 301-474-7200 or at greenbeltpd@greenbeltnmd.gov.

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# Police Blotter

Incidents reported here occurred August 7-13, 2023. Readers are encouraged to contact the police if they have information that may aid in an enquiry. Call the non-emergency number 301-474-7200 or email [pd@greenbeltmd.gov](mailto:pd@greenbeltmd.gov). Times provided are when the incidents were reported.

Greenbelt Police Department reported three domestic disputes and one mental health diversion.

**Peeping**  
On August 13 near 9300 Edmonston Road, a woman woke up around 3:00 a.m. because her doorbell camera notified her of movement on her patio. The woman saw what seemed to be a figure of a man at her patio door. After the man left, the woman reviewed the video footage and notified police.

**Firearm Arrest**  
On August 12 at 12:56 a.m. near Lakeside Drive and Lakecrest Drive, an officer on routine patrol encountered a man screaming frantically and incoherently, later determined to be caused by illegal drug use. Officers prevented the man from driving away because of his mental state, and discovered an illegal handgun and several rounds of ammunition. He was arrested on multiple firearm charges.

**Assault**  
On August 9 at 6:11 p.m. near 6000 Greenbelt Road, a man was pepper sprayed by a woman in a parking lot. On August 13 at 1:01 p.m. near 5700 Cherrywood Lane, two men fought. On August 13 at 4:26 p.m. near 6000 Greenbelt Road, two men fought.

**Break-in**  
On August 10 at 8:57 a.m. near 7500 Greenway Center Drive, a previous client was caught on camera and recognized in a commercial break-in.

**DUI**  
On August 8 at 12:45 a.m. near Greenbelt Road and Baltimore-Washington Parkway, a police officer observed a vehicle operating in an unsafe manner and stopped it. After contact with the driver, the officer administered a field sobriety test. The driver displayed multiple signs of impairment and was arrested on the suspicion of DUI.

On August 12 at 3:37 a.m. near Kenilworth Avenue and Ivy Lane, officers responded to an accident. Upon contact with the driver of the striking vehicle, officers observed his speech was slurred and the driver stated he had been drinking. After displaying multiple signs of impairment, the driver was arrested on suspicion of DUI.

On August 13 at 11:36 p.m. near 6000 Greenbelt Road, officers responded to an accident. A car had crashed into a yellow pole, receiving front end damage. After contact with the driver, the officer administered a field sobriety test. The driver displayed multiple signs of impairment and was arrested on the suspicion of DUI.

**Fraud**  
On August 8 at 1:31 p.m. near 7500 Greenway Center Drive, a fraud victim was called on the phone and scammed into sending money to someone posing as a business. On August 9 near 6100 Greenbelt Road, unauthorized transactions were made on a credit card. On August 9 near 7700 Hanover Parkway, an unauthorized credit card account was opened. On August 10 at 10:14 a.m. near 7500 Greenbelt Road, a woman was attempting to cash a fraudulent check at the bank, and the check was confiscated.

**Theft**  
On August 7 near 6100 Breezewood Court, a package was stolen.

On August 12 at 8:53 a.m. near 7500 Greenbelt Road, a man grabbed the victim's purse from her shopping cart in the store; police located the man, recovered the purse, and placed him under arrest.

Commercial theft occurred August 7 at 1:33 p.m. near 7500 Greenbelt Road, August 8 at 10:35 a.m. near 7500 Greenbelt Road, August 9 at 2:52 p.m. near 6000 Greenbelt Road, August 10 at 1:49 p.m. near 7400 Greenbelt Road, and August 13 at 1:33 p.m. near 7600 Greenbelt Road. On August 13 at 12:54 p.m. near 6100 Greenbelt Road, a thief was identified from a previous incident and charges are pending.

**Threats**  
On August 12 at 7:41 p.m. near 7400 Greenway Center Drive, a victim was harassed and threatened online with social media by an unknown subject.

**Vandalism**  
On August 10 at 4:41 p.m. near 16 Parkway, a woman returned home and noticed that the window in her bedroom was broken, with no sign of what may have caused it. On August 10 at 4:11 a.m. near 6100 Breezewood Drive, a rear glass door was shattered, and camera footage revealed that the damage was caused by debris from a lawn mower.

**Vehicle Crimes**

**Attempted Vehicle Theft**  
Eight vehicles, five Kias and three Hyundais, were attempted stolen with damaged windows and ignition/steering columns: on August 9, a 2016 Kia Sportage near 143 Westway, a Hyundai Sonata near 5900 Cherrywood Terrace, and a 2016 Hyundai Accent near 7900 Mandan Road; on August 12, a 2017 Kia Optima near 7001 Mathew Street, an Optima near 7400 Morrison Drive, an Accent near 22 Crescent Road, and a 2016 Kia Soul near 119 Centerway; and on August 13, a Kia Sorento near 137 Westway.

**Stolen Vehicles**  
Ten stolen vehicles have not been found, including five Hyundais: August 7 near 7700 Hanover Parkway, a black 2017 Elantra (MD 3ET0075); near 5800 Cherrywood Lane, a white 2017 Mercedes-Benz (MD 40053CH); August 8 near 139 Westway, a 2014 Sonata (MD 6DZ4124); near 5800 Cherrywood Terrace, a black Lexus ES250 (VA TMW2734); August 9 near 8000 Mandan Road, a black Elantra (MD 2ES8168); August 10 near 5900 Cherrywood Terrace, a silver 2014 Sonata (MD 3FM1027); near 6400 Cherrywood Lane, a 2022 gray Jeep Gladiator (MD 5FH9958); near 6400 Cherrywood Lane, a 2022 gray Jeep Rubicon (FL 50BZCE); August 12 near 8150 Lakecrest Drive, a 2017 Toyota Prius (MD T1448472); and August 13 near 6000 Springhill Drive, a red 2017 Sonata (MD 2FH0757).

**Stolen Vehicles Recovered**  
Five vehicles (two Kias, two Hyundais and a Toyota) that had been reported stolen were recovered. On August 7, a 2021 Kia Soul reported stolen from near

6500 Lake Park Drive was found to be repossessed by a rental agency. On August 7, a 2017 Kia Soul from near 100 Westway was located by Maryland State Police in a car fire incident on I-495. On August 8 a Hyundai Sonata from near 7900 Mandan Road was found by police with a damaged window and ignition. On August 9 near 5800 Cherrywood Terrace, a 2017 Toyota Camry was reported stolen and later found by the owner who had forgotten where he parked. On August 12 a Hyundai Santa Fe from near 6400 Cherrywood Lane was recovered with damaged window and ignition.

**Vehicle Found**  
On August 12 at 6:41 p.m. near 7800 Hanover Parkway, a 2014 white Hyundai (MD 9DJ8088) was found with a damaged window and ignition. The police were unable to contact the owner and the car was not listed as stolen, so it was impounded for safe keeping.

**Theft from Auto**  
On August 13 near 6400 Ivy Lane, multiple vehicles were vandalized: a 2023 Kia Forte (rental) was found with doors wide open, no damage, but sunglasses were missing. The rest of the vehicles had broken windows: a 2018 Chevrolet Traverse had clothes and a bag stolen; a 2014 Lexus RX-350 had a camera stolen, later found near a different vehicle; a 2014 Mercedes-Benz ML3 had an unopened bottle of tequila and a wallet with multiple credit cards stolen; and a 2019 Chevrolet Silverado had a wallet with bank cards stolen.

All four tires/wheels were stolen from six vehicles (one Toyota and five Hondas): on August 8, near 6900 Hanover Parkway from a 2023 Camry; near 7700 Hanover Parkway from a 2023

Accord; near 9000 Breezewood Terrace from a 2023 Accord; on August 9 near 5800 Cherrywood Lane from a Civic; near 6400 Cherrywood Lane from an Accord; and on August 13 near 6400 Ivy Lane from a Civic.

Disability placards were stolen August 11 near 7500 and near 7800 Mandan Road.

On August 8 near 6500 Capitol Drive, a temporary tag was stolen. On August 10 near 6000 Springhill Drive, a rear tag was stolen (MD 1FE5158 exp. 10/24).

On August 7 near 8000 Mandan Road, a wallet was stolen from an Isuzu box truck. On August 12 near 23 Woodland Way, two vehicles were rummaged through, with some change and an iPad stolen. On August 12 near 9200 Edmonston Road, keys were stolen from a construction vehicle, and a subject who was not an employee was witnessed in the vehicle before fleeing the scene. On August 13 near 7400 Greenway Center Drive, a 2022 Dodge Ram had a damaged window and cash was stolen.

**Vandalism to Vehicles**  
Several cars had damaged windows but no property reported stolen: August 7 near 9100 Edmonston Road, a Hyundai Elantra; August 9 near 5400 Stream Bank Lane, a Nissan Maxima and a Toyota Prius, and near 900 Cherrywood Terrace, a Hyundai Sonata; August 10 near 6400 Cherrywood Lane, a 2021 Jeep Wrangler; and August 12 near 7 Parkway, a Hyundai Accent.

On August 7 near 6200 Springhill Drive, a Honda Civic had damage to the front windshield, hood, front bumper and both front headlights.



## City Notes

Sustainability/Environmental planned and led a cleanup event at Trinity Church, preparing for a USDA-funded compost project. Street Maintenance/Special Details did demolition work for the Gateway Signage project and Horticulture/Parks installed a wooden bench in front of Green Ridge House. Building Maintenance serviced A/C units in all city buildings. Refuse/Recycling collected 28.25 tons of refuse and 9.81 tons of recyclables.

Recreation senior staff attended Maryland Recreation and Parks Association's Directors Roundtable meeting.

The Community Center accommodated Golden Age Club, Labor Day Festival Committee, Community Orchestra, Honk! Situation and 12 rentals.

Children's Summer Swim Lessons, Creative Kids Camp and Summer Camp Session Four have finished. Due to mechanical failures, both pools closed for a day on separate occasions. Arts staff facilitated a public meeting introducing the winner of the Motiva Apartments sculpture commission.

Park rangers observed a vigil at Schrom Hills Park and monitored a county running event at Buddy Attick Park.

## Writers Group Meets Friday, August 18

The Greenbelt Writers Group will hold its August meeting on Friday, August 18 at 7 p.m. in the Community Center. The group had a really successful meeting in July and for August authors were asked to go through their "bits and pieces" of unfinished work. Bring them to the August meeting to discuss or get them out and work on them and read your new work.

There may also be time for additional open readings and group discussions. We are always looking for more members, so join us on August 18. For more information, contact Barbara Ford at [barb.ford@comcast.net](mailto:barb.ford@comcast.net).



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# Sports

## Girls from ERHS Soccer Team Are Summer League Champs

by Patrick Gleason

On an evening that felt like anything but summer, the eight players representing Eleanor Roosevelt High School's (ERHS) girls soccer team hoisted the M-NCPPC, Department of Parks and Recreation girls Summer League championship trophy after three victories on the day. The sun never showed its head on an evening that started with a tense 0-0 draw for the Raiders against a team comprised of players from Bladensburg High School. Fortunately for the Raiders, they calmly placed each penalty kick into the back of the net to advance to the semi-finals against High Point. Meanwhile, Bowie and Seton challenged each other in the other semi-final match, which also ended in penalty kicks with Bowie besting the Roadrunners after a strong performance by the Bulldogs' keeper.

Roosevelt left no doubt in its semifinal matchup as Alicia Galban, Sadie Swart, Alena Beckmann and Claudia van der Have hassled the Eagle defense for the entirety of the 30-minute match. Even sophomore defender Esther Obisesan got in on the scoring

action, scoring from 25 yards out to cap the Raiders' 5-0 win leading to the finale.

As a chilly mist hinted at the season to come, the Raiders and Bulldogs renewed their long-standing rivalry with an exciting championship matchup. While Swart helped the Raiders dominate possession in the midfield, Roosevelt endured a scare as Bulldogs' senior Jessie Watkins struck the post halfway through the game. From then on, Victoria Obisesan joined her sister in solidifying the Raider defense, while van der Have tallied the championship-winning goal. Afterward the players posed for photographs to celebrate a championship that hopefully catalyzes their fall season with practice starting on August 9.

Program Director Carla Benavides also celebrated Terps FC, the champion from the first-ever Middle School division. County soccer offerings for girls continue to grow as the department is now offering a 7v7 girls middle school league at Woodmore Turf Field starting this September.



Alena Beckmann, Esther Obisesan (no. 2), Sadie Swart, Victoria Obisesan and Olivia Gills celebrate after Eleanor Roosevelt High School's opening round penalty kick shootout victory over Bladensburg.



The Raiders perform their pregame cheer en route to their 7v7 Summer League Tournament victory on August 3.

- Photos by Vanessa van der Have

## LABUKAS continued from page 1

since kindergarten, lives in Pittsburgh and came to video my first event and to cheer me on. And my roommate from the University of Dayton drove two-and-a-half hours from Cleveland to cheer me on."

### What's Changed?

I asked Labukas what had changed about competitive swimming in all the years since her high school days. And it's more than I'd imagined:

"Trying to complete a racing dive with goggles on and keep them on. We didn't wear goggles in the 1950s and 60s, so this requires new strategies and skills.

"Flip-turns now include strong underwater dolphin kicks.

"Swimming strokes have also changed. Many things I was told not to do are now recommended, although with a little tweaking."

Despite the hurdles, Labukas says she is sticking with it: "Swimming with a group is much more motivating than training on your own." She recommends checking out the many Potomac Valley U.S. Masters swim teams in the area (like Montgomery Ancient Mariners and Terrapin Masters), where one can swim with others and get training from an experienced coach.

Susan Harris is editor of GreenbeltOnline.org, where this article was first published.



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# School is Coming: Rally Gives Backpacks, Books and More

Back-to-School events last weekend saw 1,250 backpacks, numerous books, clothes, meals and other resources shared in Greenbelt.

Franklin Park Management hosted their 4th Annual Back to School Pep Rally to donate backpacks. Impact Fellowship, Rivers of Life, The SPACE: Free Art For All, RUAK, Greenbelt S.I.T.Y. Stars, Make Smart Cool and Ecolab EcoEssence were among those participating by handing out books, clothes and other items and providing entertainment to the crowds. Greenbelt Police Department and various city council members also attended and offered support.



Face painting

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Anthony Tilghman, founder of Make Smart Cool; Alejandra Ramirez, owner of Beltway Hardware; and Councilmember Ric Gordon

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Amy Knesel shares Old Greenbelt Theatre information.

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Robert Goldberg-Strassler from RUAK hands out free books.

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Impact Fellowship hands out clothes.

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Team Ecolab EcoEssence

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## News Review Gets Around



The News Review went to Grasmere in England's Lake District with Carol Griffith.

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Reggie Payne takes a break from swimming in the clear blue waters of Nassau, Bahamas, in mid-July, by reading the News Review.

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Greenbelt resident Darelynn Fung, right, took her News Review to Hope, Maine, visiting daughter Elta Goldstein, who is working as a baker at a summer camp.

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